

News Release

Cantus to Tour Greater Minnesota as Classical Minnesota Public Radio's Artists-in-Residence

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Renowned vocal ensemble to perform a concert in

Crookston on Thursday, March 31

Cantus will tour Greater Minnesota as part of Classical MPR's Artists-In-Residence program. The group will perform at the University of Minnesota, Crookston on March 31.

The second-ever Artists-In-Residence for Classical MPR, Cantus is "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States," (Fanfare magazine). As part of their tour of Minnesota, Cantus will also give a series of master classes at high schools and colleges around the state.

Cantus and Classical MPR are also creating a special project called Sonic Architecture--an online, sound-based exploration of Minnesota. The project has already accompanied Cantus to capture the majestic performances inside the limestone bluffs of St. Paul and documented the group's concert in the depths of the Soudan Mine in Minnesota's Iron Range. More information about this

can be found at classicalmpr.org/air.

More about Cantus

The members of Cantus rehearse and perform as chamber musicians, working without a conductor or music director. Committed to a cappella presentation of significant music, including newly commissioned work, their artistic excellence and programmatic accessibility have made them audience favorites in their Twin Cities home and in concerts around the world.

More about Classical MPR's Artists-In-Residence program

Now in its second year, Classical MPR's Artists-In-Residence is a year-long commitment to bring outstanding artists to both Minnesota audiences via Greater Minnesota concerts, and to a national audience via American Public Media's "Performance Today." The residency is also marked by a strong educational component, where the artists set out to share their musical expertise with Minnesota high school and college students. The acclaimed Parker Quartet was the first-ever Classical MPR's Artists-In-Residence during the 2009-2010 concert season.

The Cantus Artists-In-Residence is made possible in part by the Minnesota Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Crookston: Thursday, March 31
7:30 p.m.
Kiehle Auditorium
2900 University Ave
Crookston, MN

Tickets: \$15; \$8 for students; \$5 for children (12 and under). MPR members receive a discount. For tickets, call 218-281-8266.
Reception: There will be a reception following the concert performance.

Tune In: Classical MPR is heard throughout Minnesota, including in Crookston on 91.5 FM and streaming online at classicalmpr.org.

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